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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE MEETINGS IN CAIRO

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1. ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL POLITICAL COMMITTEE CONCLUDED FINAL MEETING

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MIDNIGHT APRIL 27. LOCAL PRESS APRIL 27 AND 28 REPORTS ON ITS

ACTIVITIES IN FRONT PAGE STORIES.

2. SAUDI ARABIA, SYRIA, MOROCCO AND EGYPT HAVE REPORTEDLY REGISTERED THEIR "RESERVATIONS" ABOUT PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DECISION THAT SUMMIT BE HELD IN MOGADISCIO. THEY CLAIM THAT "IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS" SINCE RABAT SUMMIT (WHERE MOGADISCIO DECIDED UPON IN PRINCIPLE) NECESSITATE THAT SUMMIT BE HELD IN CAIRO. ALTHOUGH SAUDI DELEGATION HAS SUGGESTED THAT JUNE 28 DATE BE RETAINED FOR CAIRO SUMMIT, ARAB LEAGUE SYG RIAD HAS ANNOUNCED THAT DECISION ON BOTH DATE AND VENUE HAD BEEN SUSPENDED "PENDING FURTHER BILATERAL CONTACTS".

3. SYG RIAD HAS ANNOUNCED THAT COUNCIL AGREED TO SUPPORT SOMALIA ON DJIBOUTI ISSUE AND TO CALL ON FRANCE TO GRANT ITS INDEPENDENCE. COMMITTEE OF "SOME" ARAB MINISTERS WAS FORMED TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS MATTER.

4. COUNCIL HAS ALSO AGREED SUPPORT MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT IN ITS CLAIM TO "SPANISH-HELD MOROCCAN SAHARA" AND HAS CALLED ON SPAIN TO MAINTAIN "TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH ARABS" BY GIVING UP THESE TERRITORIES.

5. COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO OFFER "URGENT AID" TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES, TO THOSE ABOUT TO GAIN INDEPENDENCE AND TO THE "MILITARY AND ECONOMIC STRUGGLE" OF "OCCUPIED" AFRICAN COUNTRIES. IT HAS ALSO DECIDED TO "BOOST" ARAB BODIES ALREADY GIVING AID TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES, THAT IS, ARAB BANK FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT, ARAB FUND FOR LOANS TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND ARAB FUND FOR TECHNICAL AID TO AFRICA.

6. COUNCIL DISCUSSED STAND TAKEN BY SOME COUNTRIES RE UNESCO AND RECOMMENDED THAT ARAB AND AFRICAN STATES TRY TO CHANGE ATTITUDE OF THOSE WHO HAVE EITHER NOT CONTRIBUTED TO UNESCO OR HAVE REDUCED THEIR 75-76 CONTRIBUTIONS. UNITED STATES, NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM WERE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THIS CONTEXT. SWITZERLAND WAS ALSO CITED FOR ITS UNFRIENDLY ATTITUDE.

7. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED RECEIVE RECOMMENDATION APRIL 29 OF "FACT FINDING COMMITTEE" ON EUPHRATES RIVER WATER UNCLASSIFIED

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